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SUBJ: NEW PIPELINE PROPOSAL FOR TRANSPORTATION OF
ARCTIC NATURAL GAS

1. THE NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION OF SALT LAKE CITY HAS
ADVANCED A PROPOSAL FOR TRANSPORTING U. S. ARCTIC NATURAL
GAS SOUTHWARD TO NORTHWESTERN AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES.
THE COMPANY IS CONSIDERING A PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A 42-INCH PIPELINE THAT WOULD BRING PRUDHOE BAY NATURAL
GAS THROUGH ALASKA PARALLEL TO THE ALYESKA OIL PIPELINE
AND THEN ACROSS BRITISH COLUMBIA AND ALBERTA AND JOINING
EXISTING PIPELINES EXTENDING INTO WASHINGTON, OREGON,
IDAHO AND UTAH. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE 1,600 MILE
PIPELINE WOULD COST 5 BILLION DOLLARS AND WOULD CARRY A
DAILY LOAD OF 1.13 BILLION CUBIC FEET OF NATURAL GAS.

2. THE NPC PROPOSAL, THEREFORE, ENTERS INTO COMPETITION WITH

THOSE OFFERED BY CANADIAN ARCTIC GAS AND EL PASO NATURAL
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GAS. ANOTHER PROPOSAL, THAT OF FOOTHILLS GAS, IS CON-

CERNED ONLY WITH THE MOVEMENT OF CANADIAN GAS SOUTH FROM
THE MACKENZIE DELTA AREA. THE NPC PROJECT IS CONTINGENT
ON NPC PURCHASING PRUDHOE BAY GAS NOW OWNED BY THE STATE
OF ALASKA. THE COMPANY REPORTEDLY HAS MADE AN OFFER TO
PURCHASE A MAJOR PORTION OF THE THREE TRILLION CUBIC FEET
OF ROYALTY GAS OWNED BY ALASKA, AND IF THE OFFER IS
ACCEPTED THE COMPANY WILL FILE THE NECESSARY PIPELINE
CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS.

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